

(b) The Board of Tea Experts shall prepare duplicate samples of the standards for teas.

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**§ 1220.41 Effective date of tea standards.**

The standards prepared and submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by the Board of Tea Experts, appointed by him on or before February 15 of each year, shall be fixed and established as standards under the act and shall be in effect from the 1st day of May of each year until April 30, inclusive, of the following year, except that tea shipped from abroad prior to May 1 of any year shall be governed by the standards in effect at the time of shipment. Such standards for each year will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

**§ 1220.42 To whom standards will be furnished.**

(a) A quantity of tea of the approved standards will be repacked in half-pound tin containers by competent tea packers under the constant supervision of an officer of the Food and Drug Administration and full sets will be furnished the Board of Tea Appeals, the supervising tea examiner, and the examiners of tea at all the tea examining stations.

(b) Standards will be furnished to actual importers and regular tea brokers on application to the supervising tea examiner, at the actual cost of the same.

**§ 1220.43 Disposition of obsolete standards.**

After standard samples have served their purpose and new season samples have been submitted, the old samples may be included in quarterly sales of unclaimed goods, and the proceeds paid into the Treasury, after deducting expenses of advertisement and sale, the designation on the packages showing such teas to have been used as Government standards to be obliterated before delivery to purchaser.

**Subpart F—Individual Standards**

**§ 1220.50 Macao or Canton congou and brick tea standards.**

Macao or Canton congou and brick tea should be compared with the standard for China congou. The mustiness or damaged flavor exhibited in certain Canton teas would be just cause for rejection.

**§ 1220.51 Teas imitating China green teas.**

Whenever Japans, Ceylons, Indias, or any other teas are made up to imitate the green teas of China, they are to be examined in comparison with the China green standards.

**§ 1220.52 Powchong Formosa oolong teas.**

All Powchong (scented) Formosa oolong teas should be examined in comparison with the Formosa standard.

**Subpart G—Inspection, Testing, and Grounds for Rejection**

**§ 1220.60 Instructions to examiners.**

(a) Examiners are instructed not to pass upon samples representing importations of tea imported separately from the importation; neither shall they give nonofficial opinions concerning samples.

(b) The examination of tea in comparison with the standards under this act shall be made according to the usages and customs of the tea trade, including the testing of an infusion in boiling water and, if necessary, chemical analysis; and examiners are advised, inasmuch as they must not under the law admit any tea inferior to the standards in purity, quality, and fitness for consumption, to employ the present methods of determining the presence of artificial coloring and other impurities. (See § 1220.64.)

**§ 1220.61 Testing of teas.**

(a) In comparing with standards, examiners are to test all the teas for quality, for impurity consisting of artificial coloring or facing matter, and other impurity, and for quality of infused leaf. Quality shall be ascertained by drawing, according to the custom of